

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Tero SOUKKA et al.

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Examiner: Yu, Melanie J.

For: NANOPARTICLE FOR BIOAFFINITY ASSAYS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 3, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 3, 2008, a Petition for a three month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 26-38 are pending.

Examiner Yu is thanked for withdrawing the indefiniteness rejection of claims 26-38.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 26-38 for failure to comply with the written description requirement is respectfully traversed. Claims 26 and 27 have been editorially amended to make clear the previously-claimed recombinant Dpr/Dps protein particle is either a recombinant Dpr protein particle or a recombinant Dps protein particle. Page 1, line 19 to page 2, line